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(D) WARSAW 1344, (E) WARSAW 1345

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF C MORNING OF MARCH 6 CHARGE
ARRANGED MEETING AT FONOFF 3 P.M. THAT DAY IN THE COURSE
OF WHICH POINTS MADE BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE
TO POLISH DCM WERE REITERATED TO KINAST AND PAWLISZEWSKI.
(TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE REF A WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME TO
BE PRESENTED AT THIS MEETIN. VICE MINISTER
SPASOWSKI WAS NOT AVAILABLE SINCE MARCH 6 WAS ONE OF THE
NEW POLISH "FREE SATURDAYS". KINAST RESPONDED THAT THE
MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM WIEJACZ. KINAST WISHED TO
EMPHASIZE THAT THE POLISH SIDE APPRECIATES THE SWIFTNESS
OF THE REACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER USG
AGENCIES. THE POLISH SIDE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENT
STATE OF AFFAIRS AND EXPRESSED THIS CONCERN IN THE
CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER SPASOWSKI AND
AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THE PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF
THE POLISH DIPLOMATS IN THE SOHO WEEKLY NEWS - -
WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE - - INTRODUCED ONE MORE
ELEMENT OF CONCERN. THE POLISH SIDE HOPES THAT THE
MEASURES DESCRIBED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE
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WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE AND WILL BE EFFECTIVE. THE POLISH

GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN COMPLETELY ASTONISHED THAT THE WORD "RETRALIATION" COULD BE USED IN ANY CONTEXT IN REGARD TO THESE MATTERS, BUT NOW UNDERSTANDS THE SENSE IN WHICH IT WAS USED BY A USG REPRESENTATIVE. NEVERTHELESS THEIR CONCERN OVER THE RECENT EVENTS REMAINS UNDIMINISHED AND THEY HOPE THAT THE MEASURES WE ARE TAKING WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE (REF A) WAS RECEIVED MORNING MARCH 8 AND CHARGE CALLED ON SPASOWSKI AT 3:25 TO DELIVER IT. ORAL PRESENTATION INCLUDED REFERENCES TO OUR OFFER OF ARMED GUARDS (REF B) AND A REPETITION OF SECRETARY ARMITAGE'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE MISUNDERSTANDING OVER THE USE OF THE WORD "RETRALIATION".

3. SPASOWSKI SAID THE MINISTRY APPRECIATED OUR PROMPT REACTION TO THE POLISH AIDE MEMOIRE. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE U.S. HAD RESPONDED SHOWED THAT BOTH SIDES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SECURITY OF THEIR MISSIONS AND PERSONNEL AND WISH TO PERMIT THEM TO FUNCTION NORMALLY. IN HIS VIEW, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO SEE THAT SUCH SECURITY IS FULLY OBSERVED AND THAT THE APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO INSURE IT.

4. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE INITIATIVE RAISED BY MR. BROWN IN HIS CONVERSATION SATURDAY WITH MR. WIEJACZ AND WILL SHORTLY INSTRUCT MR. WIEJACZ TO REPLY. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, GUIDED BY THE WISH TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PERSONAL SECURITY FOR ITS PERSONNEL, HE BELIEVED THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT OUR OFFER OF ARMED GUARDS FOR THE TWO POLISH DIPLOMATS NAMED IN THE SOHO NEWS ARTICLE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS A SHORT-TERM PROGRAM TO MEET THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT A LONG-TERM PROGRAM INVOLVING THE PROTECTION OF ALL DIPLOMATS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS BEING WORKED OUT. IN THE FEW DAYS UNTIL THE PROGRAM WILL BE SETTLED, WE THE POLES WILL AGREE TO SPECIAL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE TWO MEN INVOLVED. (SPASOWSKI SEEMED TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT A MAJOR SECURITY PROGRAM INVOLVING ALL FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN THE U.S. IS IMMINENT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CLARIFY THIS

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POINT WHEN WIEJACZ CALLS.)

5. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, IN SOME UNFORTUNATE MANNER, THE SUBJECT OF RETALIATION HAD EMERGED IN MR. ANDREWS'S CONVERSATION WITH MR. WIEJACZ. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THE POLISH SIDE AGREES FULLY WITH THE VIEW OF SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT THE CONCEPT IS INAPPLICABLE AND

UNACCEPTABLE IN THE PRESENT CONTEXT, AND WE MAY
"CONSIDER THIS ITEM NON-EXISTENT".
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